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SUBJECT: YEMENI REQUESTS FOR USG ARMS ASSISTANCE

REF: SANAA 1249, 1003, 1090, 1204; JIDDA 2573

1. ON JULY 11 WE TALKED GENERALLY WITH FCO ME DEPT HEAD WRIGHT ABOUT YEMENI DESIRE FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE, MENTIONING YEMENI REPORTS OF NUMEROUS INCIDENTS ALONG FRONTIER WITH PDRY RECENTLY. WRIGHT SAID HE WAS SURPRISED. HE HAD ASKED VISITING GOVERNOR OF HODEIDA OVER LUNCH COUPLE OF DAYS AGO HOW FRONTIER WAS AND LATTER REPLIED EVERYTHING WAS QUIET. GOVERNOR'S INFO WAS ABOUT ONE-WEEK OLD, SINCE HE HAD TRAVELED OUTSIDE YEMEN SINCE THEN.

2. WE ARE OF COURSE UNABLE HERE TO ASSESS RELIABILITY OR FRANKNESS OF HODEIDA GOVERNOR AS SOURCE. HE AND WRIGHT WERE TALKING AT LUNCH HOSTED BY YAR AMBASSADOR EL-AYNI, THE FORMER YAR PRIME MINISTER.

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3. WRIGHT ALSO EXPRESSED SOME GENERALIZED DOUBTS AS TO

UAE ZAYID'S READINESS TO FOOT THE BILL FOR ANY YAR
MILITARY PURCHASES, BUT HIS DOUBTS WERE NOT BASED ON ANY
SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

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